

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are presented for consideration, with claims 1, 6, 13 and 14 being independent.

The specification has been reviewed and amended to correct minor informalities and improve its idiomatic English form. In addition, a new abstract is being submitted as required on page 2 of the Office Action.

Editorial changes have been made to claims 12-14. These changes are submitted to not alter their allowed status.

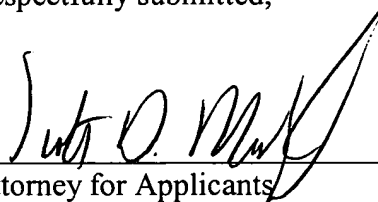
Applicants are submitting concurrently herewith a Letter Transmitting Corrected Formal Drawings, in which Figures 8A, 8B, 9, 10A, 10B, 11A and 11B are labeled as "PRIOR ART," as required in paragraph 3 of the Office Action. Approval of the replacement sheets of drawings is respectfully requested.

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 1-16 are allowed. It is noted that the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance appears to be directed to independent claims 1 and 6.

For the reasons noted above, Applicant submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and an early notice of allowance are requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. Office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott D. Malpede", is written over a horizontal line.

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